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Thought for the Day

Selected by Mrs. McGintie
"Keep virtue's simple path before your eyes,
Nor think from evil good can arise."

Getting warmer over in Europe!

Call it a million-dollar rain, and let it soak in at that figure.

As a modern war necessity, the camera has the typewriter pushed off the field.

At the present rate of speed it is confidently believed the Russians will beat the Teutons to Petrograd.

Between war rumors and weather the national game finds it hard to put up a smile at the box office.

Railroad valuations for tax purposes remain unchanged. The precedent is a serviceable tip for individual taxpayers threatened with a boost.

Still, there is nothing to prevent the electric lighting company giving patrons the promised rate reduction of its own accord, "not next year, not next month, but now."

So far in the captured loot of war no mention is made of gas tanks. Until the visible proof is shown doubters at a safe distance are justified in maintaining the historic Missouri pose.

The Nebraska State Board of Health has issued a mandatory edict for individual communities. Score once more for the church supply houses that have the goods ready for delivery.

A speaker at a church conference calls upon all preachers to "get rid of their Sunday voices" and "use every-day language." Yes, but they cannot all be "Billy" Sundays, much as they may wish to be.

Many reasons are advanced for Italy's eagerness for war. One potential factor is overlooked. The collapse of the tourist business leaves a multitude of natives without adequate visible means of support.

Not the least of the disturbing features of the situation is the threatened closing of Rome's famous rumor factory. Should that calamity befall, London and Amsterdam no doubt will rise to their greater opportunities.

Election Commissioner Morehead is the nominal defendant in the case to enjoin the consolidation election, but the real defendant is the city of Omaha, or rather all the people who favor Greater Omaha consolidation.

The ancient and honorable coroners' juries of Great Britain enliven the gloom by hurling vocal condemnations at the enemy. Meanwhile the recruiting offices await the presence of jurymen ambitious to fit actions to words.

The suggestion of Senator J. Ham Lewis for the removal of the national capital to Chicago should not be taken seriously. Only an extraordinary emergency could induce the Illinois senator to give up his mileage perquisite.



In the justice court of Judge Weiss claim for \$2 was sued on the alleged value of a prairie dog shot by the defendant, who set up that the prairie dog was a wild animal, undomesticated, and moreover was in the habit of yelling in front of his house and had annoyed him greatly. The outcome was a verdict for \$4.

John Welden, a blacksmith by occupation, died, the result of complications from being scalded and drowned. He was a brother of Robert Welden, the well known Young Men's Christian association worker.

Elmer A. Todd, organist of the Central Presbyterian church of Des Moines, has been engaged as organist of the Dodge street Presbyterian church.

At a special meeting the school board decided to locate headquarters for itself and the secretary and superintendent on the second floor of the Masonic building.

H. C. Breckenridge of Ohio is visiting his brother, C. P. Breckenridge.

Jack Reed has disposed of his cigar stand, and will go east to take a railway position.

George H. Hammond, the big meat packer, is here from Detroit, looking after his interests at Omaha.

British Cabinet Changes.

Sweeping changes in the personnel of the government of Great Britain do not occasion so much astonishment, when viewed in the light of some recent developments. The formation of a coalition cabinet looks like a very shrewd move to give each of the several political parties of the United Kingdom its full share of responsibility in the conduct of the war, thus doing away with criticism arising from partisan bias. The new arrangement has also the advantage that will come from better oversight of the details of each department because of a division of work between the cabinet officers.

Friction in the British navy department has been known ever since Churchill went over the heads of his associates to order the construction of battleships for which he had no warrant. It was a natural result of a "progressive" civilian trying to direct a "conservative" sea dog, and one or the other had to go. Lord Kitchener is coming in for a great deal of the comment that seems to be part of the experience of a war minister, in war or peace. With him at the head of the army, and Lloyd George in charge of the business administration of the department, this storm will probably subside. Asquith and Bonar Law will make a good team, and with Balfour on the list, the political strength of the United Kingdom will be represented on the new cabinet, where the unity of patriotic purpose ought to create a harmony of partisanship would never permit.

The situation is especially interesting, as indicating an unsuspected flexibility and responsiveness on the part of the English government. A similarly critical situation has seldom been met with such dexterous statesmanship.

Two Separate Questions Involved.

The effort to block Greater Omaha consolidation by attack in the courts proceeds along dual lines, and raises two questions, which it will be well to keep distinct and separate. An injunction is asked to prevent the holding of an impending special election, first, on the ground that the consolidation act is invalid, as being prohibited special legislation, and second, for the alleged reason that the election commissioner law, under which it is proposed to hold the election, is likewise invalid as a piece of prohibited special legislation.

To an outsider only casually versed in the intricacies of the law, it would seem that a stronger case is possible against the election commissioner statute than against the consolidation act. Yet the latter is in no way dependent on the former except as an incident, for there must be some method of securing a legal election in which to pass upon the question submitted by the legislature whether the people of Omaha and its adjoining suburbs desire a consolidated municipal government. Furthermore, any election actually conducted by the election commissioner as de facto officer must hold whether the election machinery has been committed to him by a law validly enacted or not. Under the circumstances we see no reason for abating the preparations to get the vote out for the consolidation election as originally scheduled for next week until an actual court order serves notice otherwise.

Peace with Honor.

President John Grier Hibben, the successor at Princeton of the present president of the United States and delegate to a conference that has long stood for the highest and most definite ideals of peace among the nations of the world, and an earnest advocate of the doctrine, is reported to have "startled" the Mohock conference by his address at the opening session. But what Dr. Hibben said merely sounds very clearly the aspirations of all free men. We have been frequently told of late that there are things worse than war, and peace without honor is one of them.

Honor is as far beyond price as it is beyond measurement or the accurate definition of lexicography. It is a matter of latitude or longitude, but is shared in common by all responsible beings, no matter what their status. The nations now at war are deeply concerned in honor and for this must have the honorable regard of all other nations. Some dishonor may reside in the present warfare, and, if so, ultimately it will be determined, but when the fighting has come to an end, national honor must be made the basis of a peace that will be permanent. It will be possible to provide a "place in the sun" for all, but only because honor carries with it responsibility.

Dr. Hibben could have given voice to his sentiments, which are those of all right-thinking men, in no better place than at a conference looking to the settlement of all international disputes by arbitration. Peace is always to be desired, but only peace with honor is enduring or endurable.

Keeping Government Alive.

Importance that naturally attaches to serious communications between our government and the nations of the world is enhanced at the moment, because the United States is just now the one great agency through which the function of government is kept alive in the world. The nations at war have entrusted their interests to Uncle Sam at all points where the war interferes with regular communication. This, in effect, means that the external business of the greatest governments is being transacted by the United States. In addition to this tremendous undertaking in the diplomatic field, the United States has voluntarily assumed the lead in the work of succor and relief, feeding and clothing the destitute and caring for the human wreckage cast up in the back eddies of the war. No nation ever took upon itself so great responsibilities, and yet the task is being borne with little or no evidence of its existence, while the daily routine of life in America shows little or no sign of the government's great activity abroad. This solid achievement of the republic affords much material for future study by the statesmen of the world. It indicates more than anything else could the respect of the world for the character of the American people.

Civilization is feeling the bricks thrown from all sides. Just at the moment the official organ defined Italy's purpose to be "a war for civilization," brave Romans loaded their phonographs and turned them loose on the unarmed and defenseless representatives of Austria and Germany. As war spreads its horrors multiply.

Bookplates and History

Boston Transcript.

AMONG other minor effects the war will doubtless change the design of the German empress bookplate which bears—or, at last reports, did bear—the arms of England adjoining the arms of Germany. History has always reacted upon bookplates. None but the assiduous collector or the persevering student has been aware of this; and, to the world at large, the fact has meant as nearly nothing as any artistic fact can; yet as anyone who reads it never quite beyond the danger of owning a bookplate, it may not be uninteresting to contemplate briefly some of the interwavings of bookplates with history.

Possessed of ideas perhaps not altogether unlike some that infused Germany, Maximilian, emperor of Mexico, used the arms of that enfevered country to ornament the label by which he announced the ownership of the books that crowded his shelves. And erewhile of the books that crowded his shelves, the son of Charles, the navigator, himself at home on the sea, adorned his symbol of possession with a little map that showed those very seas where the late Emperor cruised. Napoleon's brilliant brother had a plate, as did also his "second bravest general," and the annals of France are not complete in their intimate aspects without mention of the book marks upon which the Bourbons glanced as they idly opened the rich volumes of Pompadour, Maintenon and Dubarry. Perhaps in France more than elsewhere history has directly affected the bookplate, for the revolution covered up all the fine armorial with which it was the fashion to enfold one's name and replaced the titles with plain "citoyen." And for years it caused a dearth of fresh designs after the tri-color succeeded the lilies.

Just as one considers it certain, for instance, that the German empress will banish the arms of England from her plate, one speculates on other and less obvious probabilities in the same kind. Rudyard Kipling has a plate which his father made for him. Will he supplement it with another, the design of which shall indicate some new expression of his patriotism as the old plate with its symbolic shield expressed his interest in India? Will it become the fashion among bibliophiles in general who escape the modern slings and arrows of Flanders to represent something of their temporary profession of arms upon those charming labels which, seen in a man's books, speak for his tastes in the things of life and therefore in the literature that pictures life for him? And what, one asks, will be the effect upon the bookplate of a book that may drive to books many men who, uncrushed by wounds, might spend their lives more actively than in the study?

Without doubt many an Englishman and many a German will own copies of the same war books of which such a countless number now fall from the ceaseless presses. The collector amuses himself by wondering what diverse designs may thus in duplicate book illustrate one idea. This is a little speculation; it is for lovers of bookplates; and collectors in this field must be granted their license by those whom it does not concern. But suppose that in the years to come a British officer upon whose bookplate a little picture illustrates an incident in the storming of Hill 60 should meet a German survivor whose volumes were marked with a sketch commemorating the relation of the same hill to his fighting days, suppose, to stretch the long arm of coincidence further, that these graphic memories should be pasted in copies of the same book—would not that be interesting?

Our George Washington had a bookplate, and Bushrod Washington, too. Our Paul Revere was an engraver of bookplates, and five examples of his work are still in existence today. The history of Germany, here the first bookplate was made: the history of France, the history of England and that of America is the history also of men whose personal tastes have contributed to the history of the bookplate. The most natural thing in the world for the man who owns books is to stamp them with his name; next he surrounds his name with a scroll or appends it to a picture, and finally he tries to choose a picture that speaks for his likes in the world, just as less directly his name speaks for him. In all this he is influenced, of course, by his environment, his experience and his times. So bookplates have received their stimuli, like other examples of art, from widely varying directions. They have been influenced by the church, as Wolsey's plate testifies; they have been moulded for a nation of bibliophiles by one great designer, as witness the results of Chippendale's work. And they have been modified by wars, as they were by the French revolution and the wars of Napoleon—as they may be, one wonders now, by this conflict.

Twice Told Tales

The Sacred Urn.

Mary and Nora had lived as faithful domestics for many years in a home whose only other occupants were two old maids. One of these was a believer in cremation. Nora took a trip to Ireland. During her absence the old maid mentioned died. Her dust was reverently put in an urn above the sitting room fireplace, where the remaining sister could always have a sense of the departed's presence.

A year later Nora returned to the surprise of Mary, who gave her a warm welcome.

"I'm glad to see you back," said Mary taking the wraps.

"I'm glad to be back," said Nora—then added—"is there any chance of comin' to live wid ye again?"

"There's only the one of them here now," said Mary, reverently.

"Where's the other?" asked Nora, in astonishment.

"She's up in the mug on the mantelpiece," Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Different Road.

John Findley, who is making such a success in "The Only Girl," grows reminiscent of his far-gone days as a Sunday school teacher.

The teacher was quizzing her class of boys on the strength of their desire for righteousness.

"All those who wish to go to heaven," she said, "please stand." All got to their feet but one small boy.

"Why, Willie," exclaimed the shocked teacher, "do you mean to say that you don't want to go to heaven?"

"No, ma'am," replied Willie, promptly. "Not if that bunch is going."—Young's Magazine.

People and Events

The meanest man finds his match in Petticoat lane. For non-payment of alimony to his first wife a Washington man was arrested at his third wife's funeral. Anguish rubbed in.

Those who doubt the pace should banish the doubt. A New Jersey suffragette boldly claimed a man that had been thrown into the wagon from which she was speaking and held it up to the gaze of the crowd as she tongue-lashed the disturber.

St. Louis tailors insist that a tall hat is not sufficient as a symbol of aldermanic dignity. The addition of material elegance in coat, vest, cravat, etc., are essential to give a St. Louis alderman a place in the spotlight of fashion, especially when joyriding in a city limousine.

In the case of a Montana man who sued for damages for the premature publication of his obituary, the supreme court of the state solemnly avers that it is no disgrace to die, and denied relief in cash. Aside from the legal aspect of the case it is interesting as a pointer on the advance of Montana from the era of shooting up the editor for offensive publications.

The first of the claims growing out of the Louisiana tragedy has been filed before the New York State Workmen's Compensation commission. The applicant is the widow of Charles V. Mills, a salesman 23 years old, who received a salary of \$2.80 a year. If the claim is allowed under the law the widow will receive \$1,200 a year as long as she remains single.

A Chicago boulevarder spotted two overgrown girls on a street corner and forthwith flipped his wings around their elbows with the remark, "Come, girls, have a drink with me." "There's a good place across the street," suggested one. "You have the call," he gently whispered, "it'll be girls, ain't it?" The girls were full grown policemen and they gave the jolly macho a ride in the hurry wagon.

The Bee's Letter Box

Jitney Jar for Jardine.

OMAHA, May 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: After reading your article in this evening's Bee regarding Commissioner Jardine's impossible ideas in regulating the jitneys, would like to offer a few regulations which, no doubt, our Honorable People's candidate overlooked. In addition to the prohibitive bond and heavy license features, he should incorporate in his suggestions free ice water in the summer; hot drinks in the winter, furnish each patron with a leather cushion and evening dress and wear white gloves at all times so as not to soil patrons' hands when collecting fares. There should be provisions made to entertain patrons when cars should be tied up with a puncture so the dear people will not be inconvenienced.

After viewing the numerous streets in Omaha that are urgently in need of repairs, it seems our commissioner of streets should get busy and have them repaired and not lose time trying to legislate the jitneys out of business with his impossible ideas. And to think he was a candidate on the People's ticket.

F. P. ANDERSON.

President Omaha Jitney association.

What Greater Omaha Needs.

OMAHA, May 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: There has been much talk about the good that would be accomplished by a consolidation of Omaha, South Omaha and Dundee into a Greater Omaha. We should have had a merger into one city years ago, for there is always strength in numbers. But I fail to see just how a consolidation in itself is to make a more progressive and a more prosperous city.

The mere fact that these cities have united will not alone bring outside investment and capital here; neither will conventions do it. I vouch the statement that, outside a few merchants, convention have never been of benefit to the city at large. They have never brought people in our midst who were to stay nor have they brought invested capital in business enterprises. They do advertise our city, however, and anything tending to do that cannot be overlooked, but the greatest factor in developing a city is the push behind its commercial club. This city is fortunate in having one of the most widespread, live-wire commercial clubs in the country, but regardless of this they have overlooked one thing which, if properly developed, would make this city really a greater Omaha in wealth, prosperity and population.

Several days ago a friend of mine, a central Nebraska banker, expressed surprise at the fact that the Omaha Commercial club had failed to bring automobile factories to this city. He informed me that the freight on Ford cars from Detroit to Nebraska points was approximately \$35 and that no parts of the car was now protected by patents.

As his business brings him in contact with the farmers of his vicinity and section of the state he is in a position to know the kind of car the average farmer is able to buy. In his opinion a good cheap car would always find a ready sale in Nebraska.

It has been a source of surprise to many people in Omaha why the capitalists have not organized a company for the manufacturing of cheap, durable cars, similar in some respects, but better in others, to the Ford cars. Some of the millions now going to the great Michigan factory would thereby be kept and expended in Omaha.

The tributary country for sales would be large. Most of the eastern freight would be saved by shipping cars made in Omaha to Nebraska, western Iowa, the Dakotas, and western and southern points, and this could be figured in on the building cost of the machines.

This section of the country is strictly agricultural in its pursuits, and where the farmer must depend on the success of his crops for prosperity he is in no position to buy high priced cars. He is looking for an automobile that will give him satisfactory service and one within his means.

The time is ripe for the organization of an automobile factory in Omaha, and there is no reason why such a plant, backed by men of ability such as we can proudly point to in our city, should not meet with instant success, because we have the advantage of freight rates and location not enjoyed by Mr. Ford. The raw materials can be shipped here from the mills about Chicago practically as cheap as Detroit gets it.

It would not be amiss for our commercial club to take under serious consideration the feasibility of such a suggestion now that they are boasting for a Greater Omaha. C. E. WALSH, 1022 Park Avenue.

Mistaken in Supposition.

GRATSON, Neb., May 20.—To the Editor of The Bee: I have read the statements of Dr. Gerhard, but better George Sylvester Viereck and mildly said both are true products of German civilization and culture.

Should these gentlemen be under the impression that their statements are fit to influence any true American against the government, developments will show that they were utterly mistaken in their supposition. CAROL ZUTCHER.

Signs of Progress

Fewer people under 25 years and more people over 45, are now employed in various industries than was the case ten years ago.

Two German wireless experts have succeeded in sending messages through the earth from mines 1,000 feet deep and a mile and a half apart.

The Bulletin of the Merchants' association of New York, states that the city of New York invested \$12,500,000 last year in the new Catskill water supply system and \$20,546,771 in new subways.

By installing electric saws and hoisting machinery, a Massachusetts ice company eliminated the services of twenty-two horse teams and forty men formerly used in harvesting its product.

By steel tires fitted over those of rubber on the automobile the vehicle of a western railroad man is made to run over the rails. For use on the highway the metal tires are removed.

In the Montana mining district there is poignant regret because the picturesque mine mule is being superseded by electricity. Reluctant Montana papers are printing pictures of Babe, the only and proudest mule that chews tobacco.

The United States forest service is co-operating with fifty-four railroads, mining companies, pole companies and cities in making tests of wooden ties, timber, poles, pilings and paving blocks which have been given preservative treatments.

Editorial Viewpoint

Indianapolis News: But you must remember, in the meantime, that we always have some weather in May that makes one wonder how it got its reputation.

Indianapolis News: The Japs are celebrating their victory over China, but, for all that, taking candy away from a baby is not likely to become a popular sport.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: The savage civilization of darkest Russia may not, after all, be so distinctive a feature in history as might have been expected previous to the war.

Pittsburgh Dispatch: Ex-Attorney Wickham favors a majority verdict by juries in civil actions. Why not? Even the highest courts render majority decisions sometimes, too, by the barest majority.

Philadelphia Record: British jeers over the president's expression, "Too proud to fight," would carry more weight if there were not so many millions of perfectly able-bodied Englishmen who are too proud not only to fight, but to do anything else for their country. When it comes to fighting Great Britain should remember the adage about glass houses.

CHEERY CHAFF

"So you think Katherine made a very suitable match."
"Yes, indeed; you know what a nervous, excitable girl she was. Well, she married a composer."—Boston Transcript.

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"You used to refer to your wife as your better half."
"I have revised my fractions," replied Mr. Meekton. "I don't feel as if I represent more than 1 per cent of the combination."—Washington Star.

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"She—I saw the doctor today about my loss of memory."
"He—What did he do?"
"She—Made me pay in advance."—London Mail.

Wearily Willie—Meandering Mike worked a bull day last week.
Dusty Rhoads—Yep, ain't it awful what some people'll do for money?—Philadelphia Ledger.

"Ma," said little Tommy Slaters, "I wish my pa amounted to something in the world."
"Why," Tommy, your father is a millionaire."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

"That ain't nothing, ma. Henry Fenwick's pa is a landowner and leads all the parades."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Farmer—I'll give you \$5 a month and your board.

Applicant—Aw, shucks! What do you think I am, a college graduate?—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"That singer used to be a player in the national game."
"I thought his voice had rather a bass bawl pitch."—Baltimore American.

"I suppose you feel your responsibility rather keenly, Mr. Newsworld?"
"Why—yes; I feel as if I had the weight of heaven on my shoulders."—Fuck.

THE HOME TEAM.

New York Times.
I hate to see the home team lose: A contest dropped gives me the blues: But when they win—they sometimes do—I go home happy, same as you.

Yes, after all, why should I care because nine men from everywhere—Except the town in which I live—Have acted as a human sieve Through which the red-hot ones have poured Like water through a leaky gourd?

And why should I bemoan the fact That nine strong men have whacked and whacked The summer air in vain desire To make a showing for their hire?—Nine men I scarcely know by sight And might not recognize tonight.

Why mourn because some other town has scoured the earth and found one Brown. Who throw a signal ball that jolts Like lubricated thunderbolts. While our man's curves drift o'er the plate In manner tempting unto fate?

Yes, verily, why should I fret? 'Tis naught to me, and yet, and yet, If you'd but seen the awful war In which our team behaved today!

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